



Crosshouse Primary School



Newsletter August 2018

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all involved with Crosshouse Primary and especially to our new children and their families.

We start the session with a school roll of 380 and our nursery will be at capacity of 60 by April.

Thank You

On behalf of all nursery and school staff I would like to say a very big thank you for all your kind words and gifts at the end of term. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Staffing

We are always delighted to welcome new staff to our school. This year we welcome class teachers Miss Carbery and Miss Stevenson who are in Room 15 and Room 13. We also welcome Mrs Hamilton (Rooms 1 & 2), Mrs MacNicol (office), Mrs Miller (office), Mrs Allan (Room 7), Miss Gourlay (Room 12) and Miss Doak (Rooms 3 & 6) to our support staff team.

Congratulations to Miss Cairns who was married over the summer and is now Mrs Alexander.

Many congratulations to Mr Connelly who was married over the summer and is now Mr Connelly-Traynor.

We welcome Mrs Tolland, Depute Head Teacher, back to Crosshouse following her secondment in another school. Mrs Tolland's remit has changed and she will now have overall leadership and management responsibility for the Nursery, P1, P2 and P3. Our Principal Teacher, Miss Ashwood, will also have management responsibilities within the Nursery and infant department.

Mrs Sandilands, Depute Head Teacher, will have overall leadership and management responsibility for P4, P5, P6 and P7 and Mr Owens, Acting Principal Teacher, will have management responsibilities in the upper school.

Mrs Guy will continue as Principal Teacher for our supported classes.

Medical protocols

If your child has an existing medical protocol this should be renewed. A separate letter will be issued.

If your child now requires a medical protocol please contact Mrs Tolland.

Parking

Unfortunately we have no car parking facilities for parents/carers bringing children to nursery or school. School parents can drop children off in

the 'drop off zone' in the morning. This facility is for drivers who stay in their car whilst dropping off.

There is no access for cars at 3.00pm.

Nursery parents may park after 9.00am and after 3.30pm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Meet The Teacher Session

Each class will host a parent/carer and child 'Meet The Teacher' session. See 'Dates for Your Diary' This will give you the chance to meet your child's teacher and give you important information about your child's class including routines and procedures. The teacher will also explain the format and content of homework as well as helpful hints and tips for successful homework. On the day of the 'Meet The Teacher' event parents/carers should collect their child at 3pm in the usual way and re-enter the school using the main entrance. We would ask that only one parent/carer attends with each child to prevent overcrowding in the classroom. The workshop will last approximately 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you at these important events.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 22nd August

3.00pm Room 3 'Meet The Teacher'
P5 (Room 11) swimming begins

Thursday 23rd August

3.00pm Room 7 'Meet The Teacher'
3.00pm Room 8 'Meet The Teacher'

Friday 24th August

3.00pm Room 4 & 5 'Meet The Teacher'

Tuesday 28th August

3.00pm Room 9 & 10 'Meet The Teacher'

Wednesday 29th August

3.00pm Room 11 & 12 'Meet The Teacher'

Thursday 30th August

3.00pm Room 13 & 14 'Meet The Teacher'

Monday 3rd September

3.00pm Room 1, 2 & 6 "Meet The Teacher"

Wednesday 19th September

6.30pm Fundraising Committee
7.00pm Parent Council AGM

Thursday 20th September

Photographer In

Friday 21st & Monday 24th

Holiday

Tuesday 25th September

Extra Curricular clubs begin

Thursday 27th September

Parents' Evening

Friday 12th October

Non Uniform day—children pay £1

Monday 15th October - Friday 19th October

Holiday

Wednesday 24th October

6.30pm Fundraising Committee
7.15pm Parent Council

School Uniform

Thank you as always for supporting our policy of asking all pupils to wear school uniform. We are pleased to see everyone looking so smart for the beginning of term. We encourage the children to wear a shirt and tie on the days they do not have PE (gym)

Please remember to label school uniform items, indoor shoes, lunch boxes and personal belongings. We try hard to reunite missing items with their owners but it is an impossible task without labels.

Learning Logs

Your child has been issued with a Learning Log. The Learning Log contains important information including class events, homework and targets. Please check, comment and sign your child's Learning Log.

PE (gym)

Days for PE will be recorded in your child's Learning Log in the next few days. Your child will participate in 2 hours of PE per week. Our PE timetable will begin on Monday 20th August. Please ensure your child brings his/her PE kit on the required days. This year, children will be permitted to wear clean trainers to PE but he/she will be asked to change into his/her indoor shoes after PE.

Parents' Evening

We will hold our first parents' evening on Thursday 27th September to give parents/carers of all children an opportunity to meet and discuss their child's progress with the class teacher. More information will be issued nearer the time.



Entering and Exiting

Please be aware of the following entry and exit points:

P1, P2 & P3 enter via the infant gate and P4-7 enter via the upper school gate. Please be aware that both gates will close promptly at 9.00am. Children arriving after 9am should enter via the main entrance.

Parents/carers are not permitted to enter the playground at 9am and once inside the playground children will not be able to leave the playground.

At 3pm, P1 (Rooms 1 & 2) and P1/2 (Room 6) parents will be asked to enter the infant playground to pick up children from outside Rooms 1 & 2.

Rooms 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8 will exit the school from the door to the left of the infant gate, near the bike shed.

All P4-7s (Rooms, 9,10,11,12,13,14 & 15) will exit the school grounds via the upper school gate. P4-7 parents/carers are asked to wait at the gate to collect children.

**Annual Calendar**

Please find our annual calendar of events attached to this letter. This calendar contains the main events for the year but please be aware that other events will be added throughout the year.

Free Sanitary Products

At the end of May the Government announced funding to local authorities to provide access to sanitary products to support equality and allow for full participation in education from August 2018. This is welcome news, which we fully support. Free sanitary products are available to pupils and should you wish any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Email

Your child's main contact will receive this newsletter via email from our generic office email address. If you do not receive the email please use the annual data check form to update your details. Thank you.

Absence

Can I please remind all parents/carers that you must contact the school if your child is going to be absent. The best way of doing this is by leaving a message on our answering machine before 9.30am on the first day of absence. If you know of the absence in advance then please write a letter to your child's class teacher. After your child has returned to school please make sure that your child brings in a letter explaining the circumstances so that we have clear information. If your child is absent and we have no reason for the absence then we will contact our Attendance Officer. Clearly, absence with no explanation from parents will mean that the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.

**Outdoor Learning**

Many classes this year will be making the most of the local environment to enhance learning experiences. The Annual Permission slip asks for permission for your child to walk in the immediate local area. We will not letter parents to advise if classes are accessing the immediate local area if all children have permission. We will continue to issue letters advising parents/carers if pupils are travelling by bus or further afield. I would ask that children are appropriately dressed for the weather each morning so they can access the outdoors, if appropriate. Please contact the school for further information, if required.

Annual Data Checks

All children will receive their Annual Data check pack next week. Please return these important forms as soon as possible so data can be updated.

Lunch

All children will have lunch from 12.15pm - 1.00pm. Children who are having a home lunch should be collected from the main entrance at 12.15pm.

Children in P1-3 receive a free school lunch. This includes a drink of water. Children can purchase a carton of milk for 20p or bring a small carton of still juice or milk to drink at lunch time.

A lunch for P4-7 costs £1.65 and includes water. Milk can be purchased for an additional 20p or bring a small carton of still juice or milk to drink at lunch time.

Nut Products

May I remind parents/carers that we have children in our school who are severely allergic to nuts. Please do not send any nut products to school with your child. This includes chocolate spread products which often contain nuts. Many thanks for your support regarding this matter.

**Parental Involvement**

At Crosshouse Primary and Nursery we value parental involvement on all levels and hope that you will work in partnership with us to provide the best possible education for your children.

Helping with homework is a key element for every parent and teachers will provide information about homework at the 'Meet The Teacher' sessions.

Please use the Learning Log to communicate with school staff, particularly if there are any problems with homework.

The Parent Council and Fundraising Committee encourage a great deal of parental involvement in the school and work very hard to raise funds and support the school in all aspects of school life.

The Parent Council AGM is on Wednesday 19th September at 7.00pm and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all Crosshouse Primary parents/carers. We had a number of our Parent Council members leaving us following many years of service and therefore we are very keen to get new members on board.

If there are any questions relating to the items in this newsletter or any other matters please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Isabelle Murray
Head Teacher

